# BAR HILL NEWS

*May 2018; Issue 592*

## BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents' Association will take place on **Tuesday 15th May at 7.30pm** in the **Parish Council Office**. Every resident of the village is automatically a member and is entitled to attend the AGM. Elections to a new committee will be high on the agenda, including a new Treasurer to replace Martin Avery, who has decided to retire. This requires only an hour or two's work each week and attending most committee meetings.

The primary functions of the Residents' Association are to publish the Bar Hill News and organise the Village Fete. Martin has also acted as the Distributer of the BHN, which involves delivering copies to individual deliverers. Someone to succeed Martin in this role will be needed also. Although the 2018 Fete had, unfortunately, to be cancelled owing to lack of support, arrangements for the 2019 are now under way. Meetings of the Fete Sub-Committee will take place in July and September with the precise dates in the June BHN. Anyone interested in sharing the workload, please let me know.

For more information, please contact me, Roger Hall (Hon Chairman), on 01954 780304 or roger.hall90@ntlworld.com.

## NOTICE – PARKING

Please report any concerns regarding inconsiderate parking direct to the Police on

http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking

Lorries – Cars – Vans

Just state village, street, and the nature and effect of the problem including vehicle registrations, dates, times, paths, verge, etc. and press **submit** – Thank you.

## BAR HILL COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

**A Voluntary Car Scheme for residents of Bar Hill.**

We are now recruiting volunteer drivers – do you have a few hours to spare now and again?

We need your help to provide this valuable service for those who do not have the use of a car and struggle with transport.

For more information, please contact the Car Scheme Coordinator – Russell Brown on 07496 465330.

## PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

This is now available on www.barhillpc.org.uk

Lots of information and minutes of the meetings held. Please contact the Clerk with any questions or suggestions.

Bananas are the world's second most popular fruit after tomatoes. Bananas consistently are the number one complaint of grocery shoppers, who complain if bananas are overripe or freckled. The fact is that freckled bananas have a sugar content of more than 20% compared with 3% in a green banana.

## "GET BACK" A GREAT NIGHT OF 50'S & 60'S MUSIC

On **Saturday 16th** June at **7.30pm**, "Get Back", a highly popular 50's + 60's band are coming to **Bar Hill Church**. They have years of experience playing memorable rock 'n' roll songs with their outstanding musicianship and charisma and will have you dancing the night away. This will be their final Gig before retiring, so don't miss this event.

Tickets are £10 each including nibbles and light refreshments. Bring your own drinks (no spirits please!) Tickets obtainable from Sue 01954 780260 or Malcolm 01954 488657 or can be reserved to pay on the door.

## HAYLEY SIMMONDS OF BAR HILL WINS BRONZE MEDAL AT COMMONWEALTH GAMES

"I'm extremely proud to be returning from the Commonwealth Games with a bronze medal (in women's time trial cycling). I've worked hard for many years to achieve this and am both happy and relieved that everything went to plan on the day and I was able to execute a good race. Hopefully this is just a stepping stone and there is more to come in the future."

## 'RETIREMENT' AS A DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

It has been a great pleasure to represent Bar Hill on South Cambridgeshire District Council for the last sixteen years, at first with the late Tom Flanagan and then with Bunty Waters. Boundary revisions, which have meant that the peripheral villages of Dry Drayton, Lolworth and Boxworth will no longer be part of the Bar Hill Ward, have resulted in the representation of Bar Hill being reduced to one member. Accordingly, Bunty will seek re-election on 3rd May, while I will contest the next-door seat of Longstanton. I will, however, continue to play a major role on Bar Hill Parish Council and, if re-elected in May, as chairman of the Residents' Association.

*Roger Hall*

## BUS SERVICE 1A BETWEEN BAR HILL AND ST IVES

Dews Coaches run a weekday bus service, number 1A, between Bar Hill and St Ives. There are stops in Fenstanton.

This service is subsidised by Cambridgeshire County Council until summer 2018, and to keep it running we need to support it. Older persons' bus passes are accepted.

The timetable is as follows:

- Departures from bus stop near Tesco at 07.52, 09.43, 10.43, 11.43, 12.43, 13.43, 15.43 and 17.03.
- Return from St Ives bus station at 09.18, 10.18, 11.18, 12.18, 13.18, 15.18 and 16.18.

*Deadline for June's edition: 15th May to* bhneditor@yahoo.com *or see page 2 for other contacts*

## — BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION —

### 2017–18 COMMITTEE:

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| Chair: | Roger Hall | 01954 780304 | 11 Almond Grove |
| Vice-Chair: | Paul Goodfield | 01954 200228 | 15 Little Meadow |
| Secretary: | Anil Pallan | 01954 782736 | 72 The Spinney |
| Treasurer: | Martin Avery | 01954 781233 | 34 Acorn Avenue |
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| | Hilary Whipp | | hilary.whipp1@gmail.com |

### BAR HILL NEWS:

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| Editor: | Jan Cundy | | jan_cundy@yahoo.com |
| Advertising Coordinator: | Bunty Waters | 01954 201421 | 77 Foxhollow |
| Distribution Coordinator: | Martin Avery | 01954 781233 | 34 Acorn Avenue |

The objectives of the association are to act as an intermediary between residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

### ADVERTISING

All matters relating to advertising should be addressed to the Advertising Coordinator bunty.waters@ntlworld.com. Quarter-page adverts cost £16.50 per month and must be submitted by the 1st of the month prior to inclusion. These ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication, but this often results in a waiting list.

To help overcome this, we publish Maxi and Mini ads which appear throughout the publication. We cannot guarantee their inclusion, though, due to restrictions of space. Maxi ads (6cmx4½cm – 9cmx6cm) are £8.50 per month; Mini ads (6cmx2cm – 6cmx4cm) are £5 per month, and should be submitted by 15th of the month prior to their inclusion.

### EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. [Items offered For Sale will be advertised in two consecutive editions, so please let the Editor know if the item(s) sell after the first time.] All items can be submitted electronically on disk or to bhneditor@yahoo.com *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

## — THE MAPLE SURGERY —

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| Midwife | Thursday | 9.30am–12.30pm |
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| Orthoptist | 2nd Tues/month | 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Cambs Hearing Help | 4th Tues/month | 9.30–11.30am |
| Health Visitors *(based at Longstanton)*: | | 01954 207612 |
| Well Child Clinics: | 3rd Tues/month | 1.00–2.30pm |

at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill *(next to Primary School)*.

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## — WANTED —

Bar Hill School would like: tissue paper; Playdough; stencils; pencils; crayons; cotton wool; train sets; water toys; buckets & spades; musical instruments.

If anybody has any of these they wish to donate, please get in touch with Jo Hall, 11 Almond Grove, tel. 01954 780304 or e-mail roger.hall@ntlworld.com.

## — BAR HILL HEALTH WALKS —

**Free every Wednesday morning**

Meet at Maple Surgery at 10.30am

Our walks are all weather *(in case of rain you will find us under the Church porch)*, free, and accessible to all, particularly those who are currently inactive.

Walks are 45–60 minutes long, and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. Shorter walks may be available; contact Patricia or Josephine to discuss.

We meet locally after the walk for a hot drink and a chat. This is usually in the library, but may sometimes be at Costa, Tesco, or the Fox.

If this is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to complete a short health questionnaire. Copies are available on the PPG noticeboard in Maple Surgery, and at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.

Contact: Josephine Powell T: 07901 558108; E: jopowell45@hotmail.com or Patricia Daniels T: 07917 874402; E: danielsoohn@btinternet.com.

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## — NWR —
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NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light-hearted. It is for women of all ages who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us. Come along to one of our meetings – you'd be very welcome.

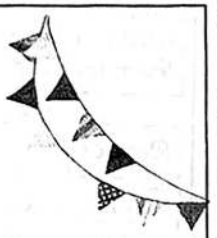
10th May Romania – NWR theme for the year.

24th May A fun evening with hats and scarves – everyone wears a hat and/or a scarf and you must have a story to tell us about what you are wearing, either true or false.

7th June Famous or infamous mistresses – find out which famous or infamous person has or had a mistress and research to find out who she is/was plus any interesting facts.

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally in members' homes on alternate Thursday evenings at 8pm. We pay an annual fee of £23 and just £1 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Marie-Thérèse Last on 01954 780329 or Bobby Colver on 01954 781662.
NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk.
Why not have a look!

## BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET



**Saturday 5th May**
**Saturday 2nd June**
10.30am–2pm
In the **Octagon**
CB23 8EH

**— Entry is Free —**
All profits go to community/charity projects.
Refreshments with cream teas (served by the Guides in May).
BBQ (weather permitting).
If you wish to be part of the market please contact
Karen Austen 01954 781085

e-mail: bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com
Facebook: Bar Hill Community Market

## — HEALTH AND WELLBEING CLUB —

Held on the second Tuesday of the month between 2–4pm in Tesco Community Room, the group focuses on aspects of promoting and maintaining good health in every area.
We start with a chair based exercise activity followed by advice from Tesco's departments.
This is a unique and friendly group and is an ideal place to meet new people.
Next meetings: 8th May.
For further information, contact Wendy Arrowsmith on 01954 781381.

## — HAPPY HOURS —

Our Club meets on most Mondays in the Octagon building of Bar Hill Church and runs from 11am until 3pm, with

coffee, tea and light lunches. Our Summer lunch menu starts in May and consists of salads (cheese, salmon or the weekly special which could be ham, corn beef, pork pie or quiche) or a ploughman's lunch (all at £2.30). Our aim is to provide friendship and companionship so why not come along and give us a try? You can have a good old natter, a game or two, or enjoy our other various activities. We would welcome new members.

**Only 2 meetings this month**
7th May: **Spring Bank Holiday – No Happy Hours**
14th May: Supermarket Wars
21st May: Celebrating the Royal Wedding
28th May: **Spring Bank Holiday – No Happy Hours**
4th June: First Aid
*Anne Plumb*, 01954 780364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## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, — BAR HILL BRANCH —

The Royal British Legion Bar Hill Branch meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in The Community Room at Tesco at 7.30pm.
We are a small friendly group of like-minded people.
To join you don't have to have an Armed Forces background, just share a common cause of supporting our Service community, now and for the rest of their lives.
If you are interested in coming along, please contact Wendy Arrowsmith, Branch Secretary, on 01954 781381 or Malcolm Cox, Chairman, on 01954 488657.

## BAR HILL BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday 29th May at 7.30pm in the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club**, The Spinney, Bar Hill.
Please join our friendly group, we offer a lovely welcome, good company and great book choices.
Let me know if you would like to join us and I will arrange a warm welcome.
sheilafarrar@hotmail.co.uk; Tel/Text: 07920 558319

## PLAYPALS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

**Meet Wednesdays and Fridays***
**At Bar Hill Church Octagon**
**9:45–11.15 am**
*Term-time
Under 1s £1.50; Over 1s £2.50; Family £3.50.
Your first session free!
Can you help? We are looking for kitchen volunteers to give an hour of time during our sessions to help prepare snacks and drinks. If you are interested please contact: helen.j.bishop@gmail.com

# — LETTERS/INFORMATION —

*Dear Editor*
May I, through the Bar Hill News, express my appreciation of the recent works carried out by the Parish Council on land adjoining No 7 Acorn Avenue? Hopefully the extra playing space reclaimed will be of benefit for all in the local area.
Yours sincerely
*Chris Stannard*

*Dear Editor*
Over the years there has been many letters published in the BHN complaining about dog mess in the village and the correspondence in March's edition from an exasperated resident is an example.
Whilst a letter published in the BHN allows your correspondents to purge their respective anger, the reality is that the problem will continue until legislation and funding arrangements are changed. The truth of the matter is that picking up dog mess is particularly unpleasant and nobody, including dog owners really want to do it. The owners who pick up do so a as matter of social and community responsibility. However another section of the dog owning population have no intention of picking up and frankly no amount of pleas in the BHN will alter their behaviour. The Local Authority is ineffective in dealing with the problem. Whilst the Authority no doubt views dog fouling owners as anti-social pests similar to those who drop litter, funds are tight and understandably need to be directed to what is perceived to be greater priorities.
So what is to be done?
In my view legislation should be introduced to register, chip and licence all dogs. Additionally, owners would need to renew their licence annually. The initial registration and chipping fee along with the annual renewal fee would be set at a level to enable sufficient dog wardens to be employed. Regrettably prosecution is the only viable option that dog fouling owners really understand. Utilising today's technology, dog faeces can be matched via the chip to the owners and prosecutions and stiff penalties can follow. Until tougher legislation is forthcoming, letters from your frustrated correspondents will no doubt continue.
*Name and address withheld*

*Dear Editor*
It has now been over two years since Bar Hill had a patient participation group (PPG) for Maple Surgery, in that time several notices have been placed in the Bar Hill news asking for volunteers. I myself have volunteered and would be happy to chair a new meeting, but to date no other volunteers have come forward. The meetings were only once a month and allowed both positive and negative feedback from patients to the surgery, in an effort to improve GP services. Sadly since the last PPG was disbanded there has been no patient representation whatsoever, from time to time to I hear both positive and negative comments about the surgery but without an active PPG these comments rarely make it the surgery.
If you care about your local NHS and GP Surgery then please contact Maple Surgery on 01954 780442 or email maplesurgery.enquiries@nhs.net and ask to join.
Regards
*Anthony William Mitchell*, Pheasant Rise

*Dear Editor*
We would like to thank Sue and Trevor for a great three days at Holiday@Home, the theme being Caribbean Encounters.
We had a collection, which was spent on a Charles Darwin Rose and an afternoon tea experience at Carridges in Fen Drayton, as well as flowers and wine.
A big thank you also goes to the crew who looked after us.
*From the people who enjoyed Holiday@Home.*

*Dear Editor*
The latest A14C2H news release is out now – https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-archaeology-shines-light-on-6000-years-of-history. This focuses on the archaeology that has taken place so far on the project.
Our latest newsletter – http://assets.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement/S170271+A14+Archeology+Newsletter+8pp.pdf also focuses on archaeology and includes a general progress update on the last two pages.
Many thanks
*Angela Harrison*
Communications Manager, A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme
Mobile: 07826 943756
Website: www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H

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## FOR SALE

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## — BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL —

**Sue Bell**, Parish Clerk: 01954 780456
e-mail: clerk@barhillpc.org.uk .
Please note that the office is normally open to residents between 10am and 12noon, Monday to Wednesday.

**Our new website is open: www.barhillpc.org.uk.**

**2018 Parish Council Elections** – there will be no poll for the election of Parish Councillors. There were 10 nominations received for 13 seats making it uncontested. At the end of May/early June we will be advertising the 3 remaining vacancies for co-option. Details may be obtained from the Clerk. If you have a genuine interest in the future of Bar Hill and can commit the time to make a difference, we are waiting to hear from you.

**Village Green Flooding** – contractors have been out and a CCTV survey on underground drainage system was carried out on 12 April. The results and recommendations will be considered by the full Council on 19 April

The Council is pleased to see that following clearance of brambles, undergrowth and rubbish from the ditches, water is now flowing through them

Regrettably the planned works for improvements to **Hollytrees Stream** have had to be deferred to the Autumn/next Spring due to water vole activity.

The teqtable will be installed within the next few weeks at the new play area on the village green, Jubilee Park, and the Council is sorting out some final groundworks including some landscaping

**Complaints about parking in residential streets** – the Parish Council is not responsible for parking issues. It has no powers to put restraints on parking nor any control over parking in the village. You are reminded that if you have concerns please report immediately on the above Police website. http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking

**Lost Property** – a number of bicycles have been cleared up after being dumped in the stream and other locations around the village and remain unclaimed. We also have a number of smaller items, spectacles, walking stick, keys etc that have remained unclaimed for a number of months. Please contact the Clerk by noon on **Monday 14 May** to reclaim – otherwise the items will be disposed of by the end of the month.

~~**Handy telephone numbers/contact details:**~~

**Cambs County Council**: Births, deaths and marriages; buses; consumer protection; education; libraries; public health; recycling and waste; roads and highways; social care; street lighting; trading standards; transport and travel.
Tel 01223 717111

**South Cambs District Council**: Building control; business rates; car parks; council tax; elections and voter registrations; environmental health; housing and homelessness; leisure centres; licensing; pest control; planning; refuse/bin collection; street cleaning
Tel 03450 450500 https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/contact-us/not-sure-which-council-to-contact/

To report issues on footpaths, public rights of way, and roads https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults Tel 01223 717111

Streetlight maintenance http://www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/contact-us/report-fault.htm or enquiries@lightingcambridgeshire.com Tel 0800 7838 247. You will need to give the number on the lamp post

Cambridge Water Company (water supply)
http://www.cambridge-water.co.uk Tel 0800 316 7676

Anglian Water (waste water)
http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/ Tel 0800 145 145

## HOLIDAY@HOME

As a happy participant in the recently held Holiday@Home, I would like to thank Sue, Trevor and the team of helpers, young and older, not forgetting Charles and Paul, who gave up their time to ensure everyone taking part had a good time. With such variety of things to do, from beadwork to woodwork, keep fit to bowls, or a quiet game of scrabble, how could they not? Who will forget the exuberant dancing on Wednesday afternoon?

The super lunches and tea served every day were something to look forward to.

All in all, a wonderful few days. Hopefully something to look forward to next year.

Thank you everyone!

## JUMBLE SALE

**1st Bar Hill Rainbows Guide Group**
Saturday **19th May 2018 2–4pm**
in the **Octagon**, Bar Hill Church
Entry: £1; children free
Clothes – Household Items – Bric-a-Brac – Books – Toys – Games – Puzzles – CD/DVDs
Refreshments for sale
Come along and grab a bargain!

## CHOIR 2000

Programme:

- Le Laudi by Hermann Suter, based on The Canticle of the Sun by St Francis of Assisi;
- Brahms St Anthony Variations Song of Destiny.

Conductors: **Peter Britton** with **Timothy Carney**
**7:30pm** on Saturday **23rd June** 2018 at **Saffron Hall**, Saffron Walden
**7.30pm** Sunday **24th June** at **West Road Concert Hall**, Cambridge
Tickets are £15 (or £10 for students) available to purchase online via the Choir's website, from Choir members, on the door or from Histon Library. Under 16s with an adult are free.
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# — Bar Hill Church —

## Services during May

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| Sunday 6 May | 10:00 am | Holy Communion (Methodist) |
| | 6:00 pm | Informal Worship |
| Wednesday 9 May | 10:00 am | Midweek Holy Communion |
| Sunday 13 May | 10:00 am | All-Together Worship |
| Wednesday 16 May | 3:15pm | Messy Church (in the Octagon) |
| Sunday 20 May | 10:00 am | Holy Communion (Baptist) & shared lunch afterwards |
| Sunday 27 May | 8:00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am | Morning Worship |

BAR HILL CHURCH
*spread the word*

## Social Calendar for May

**Olive Tree Coffee Morning** Saturday 19 May 10:30 -11:30 am in the Meetings Room

**Bring Your Own Craft Group** Saturday 26 May 2:15—4:30 pm in the Octagon

(Contact Karen 01954 781085)

**Knit & Natter** every Thursday 1:15 - 3:00 pm in the Octagon (Contact Sue 01954 780260)

**Coffee Stop** every Wednesday 10 am - noon in the Library (Contact Sue 01954 780260)

**Art Group** every Wednesday 1:30 - 4:00 pm in the Church (Contact Jan 01954 201495)

**Nature Walk** followed by service Sunday May 27 meet 2:30 pm at Knapwell Church

## Church Contacts

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| Church Office | Linda King | 01954 206120 | office@barhillchurch.org.uk |
| **Minister** | Rev. Charles Mather | 01954 277119 | charlesmather20@yahoo.com |
| **Address** | Bar Hill Church Centre, Hanover Close, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB23 8EH | | |
| **Website** | http://barhillchurch.org.uk | **Facebook** | https://facebook.com/barhillchurch |

# — Bar Hill Church —

Every third Wednesday in the month (except school holidays)

In the Octagon from 3:15 pm

For all young families

Dates for 2018:

May 16th, June 20th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st

For more information, contact Ann Chappell ann.chappell@barhillchurch.org.uk

# — Catholic Church —

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

**The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill**
Hills Road, Cambridge

Parish Priest: **Rt. Rev. Mgr Eugene Canon Harkness** Tel: 01223 350787

Local contact: **Bunty Waters** Tel: 01954 201421

Mon., Weds., Thurs., Friday 8am & 12.15pm

Tuesday 8am & 7.30pm

Saturday 6pm: First Mass of Sundays

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge; also 5pm at Cambourne and **6pm at The Octagon, Bar Hill.**

Holydays of Obligation 8am, 10am, 7.30pm

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**

Tuesday 6.45pm (not after Mass)

Saturday 10.30–11.15am, 4.30–5.15pm, 7.00–7.45pm

Details of other services are published in a weekly newsletter available at the 6pm Mass each Saturday. Copies are also available in the Church Centre.

**Home Visits**

I am happy to bring communion to house bound Catholics. I also visit people at the end of their lives, of any religion or none, who would welcome support or are distressed spiritually.

Contact Jean: 07841 397338, Catholic Eucharistic Minister. Associate Member of the Hospice Chaplaincy Team.

## INDOOR CARPET BOWLS

We are a mixed group who meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time from 7.30–10.00pm with a ½-hour break for refreshment – all for £1.50 each evening you play.

We do not play in any leagues so even if you have never played before do not be put off. Why not come along and join us on any Friday evening with your 1st session being free? We look forward to welcoming you.

If you require any further details please contact Barbara on **01954 204171.**

## — BAR HILL VILLAGE HALL —

- Conference Facilities;
- Seminars;
- Committee/Meeting Room;
- Training Days;
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- Birthday Celebrations;
- Anniversary Celebrations;
- Charity Events;
- Children's Parties;
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*During the week we have the following groups and clubs:*

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| Mon. | (TTO) | Helene's School of Dance | 4–6pm |
| | | Craig Burns Boot Camp | 6.15–7.15pm |
| | (TTO) | Pilates | 7.15–8.15pm |
| Tue. | (TTO) | Over 50's Dance Class | 2–3pm |
| | | Shotokan Karate | 6–8pm |
| Wed. | (TTO) | Helene's School of Dance | 4.30–6.45pm |
| | | Clubbercise with Marilyn | 7.15–8.15pm |
| Thur. | (TTO) | Pilates | 10–11am |
| | | Little Kickers | 1.45–2.45pm |
| | | Little Kickers | 3.30–4.30pm |
| | | Weight Watchers | 7–8pm |
| Fri. | | Martial Arts | 6–8pm |
| Sun. | | Bingo | 7–9.30pm |

*(TTO) Term Time only*

If you wish to book any of these facilities, or get more information, please call **01954 782414** and leave a clear message. We'll call back within 24 hours (Monday to Friday); or e-mail barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com

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***What's on...***

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## — BAR HILL CRICKET CLUB —

Hopefully the village green will have dried out by the time the Bar Hill News is published and we will be ready to start our season.

Our first adult league match is at home to Bassingbourn on Saturday 5th May and we are also in action in the Cambridge Business Houses (midweek) League later this month – see our May fixtures below.

Youth training sessions started on 18th April and will take place every Wednesday at 6pm. The fees for the season are a one-off of £25, with no weekly fee, and all the boys will be given their own club shirt and white trousers so they can represent the club with pride in the CYCA league.

We will be fielding an Under-13 team in the league against Cambourne, Buntingford and Thriplow. The format is pairs cricket, ensuring all players are given an equal opportunity to bat, bowl and field.

If you'd like to find out more, come along on a Wednesday night and meet our fully qualified and DBS-checked coaching team. Parental help is also encouraged!

Anyone interested in playing for the club in any form of cricket, please contact me on the number below. For more information about the club, visit www.barhillcricket.org.uk.

**May fixtures**

Saturday 5th May: Bassingbourn (H, league)
Thursday 10th May: Cambourne (A, youth)
Saturday 12th May: Bottisham-Lode (A, league)
Thursday 17th May: Buntingford (H, youth)
Saturday 19th May: Cambridge St Giles III (A, league)
Tuesday 22nd May: Invoke (H, midweek)
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**Carers Support Meetings** – next meetings at Willingham Surgery: Wednesdays 2nd May, 6th June and 4th July at 2pm. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery for more information.

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Somebody at the door?

**Ask yourself**

- Am I expecting anyone?
- Are my doors and windows secure

Always check back doors and windows are secure and locked, before you go to answer the front door.

**Ask them**

- What are you here for?
- Can I see your I.D. please?
- Do you have any paperwork relating to your call?

Always use a spy hole or look through a side window to check who is there.

**Chain**

If you decide to open the door, put your door-chain or door-bar on first and keep it on while you talk to the person on the doorstep.

In cases where an offender failed to gain entry to a potential victim's home, this was due to the occupant using their door-chain / spy-hole or quickly shutting the door.

**Not sure?**

- Ring the company they claim to be from independently. Never ring the number they give you, look it up in the phonebook or ring directory enquiries.
- You can ask them to wait outside while you contact a friend or neighbour to join you and supervise the visit.
- If you are not sure they are legitimate or feel suspicious, don't let them in, and call the police.

**Protect your home**

- Never leave a door or window insecure because you are expecting a friend or carer to arrive.
- If you have a shared entrance never buzz open the door for strangers or hold the door open for someone who arrives as you leave the building.

**Legitimate callers**

Genuine callers will carry ID and relevant paperwork. Most will wait patiently and be willing to answer any questions about their visit. It is good practice among many organisations to call ahead and make an appointment beforehand rather than turn up on your doorstep unannounced.

**When to call the Police**

- If you are suspicious or feel that the caller may be bogus.
- If someone forces entry or enters your home without permission.
- You notice valuables or money missing shortly after someone has visited.
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## UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

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Saturday **14th July**: Year 6s leavers prom.

**Friday 20th July**: end of term disco.

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## — WILDLIFE TRUST —

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We will be looking at the northern side of the reserve where there is a diversity of habitat including meadows, ancient woodland and, of course, open water. We hope to see a wide variety of wildflowers, including common spotted orchids, bugle and lady's mantle. There should be butterflies and dragonflies on the wing and we will also be listening for the sounds of birdsong and visiting the hide at Savages Creek which provides one of the best areas at Grafham Water for birdwatching. The walk will be led by one of the reserve wardens.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Hill Farm Car Park, Church Road, Grafham, at 10.30 am. GR TL 148 693, PE28 0BE. Park in the Trust car park.

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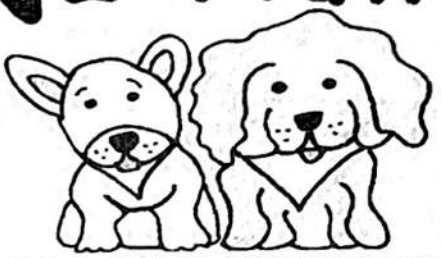

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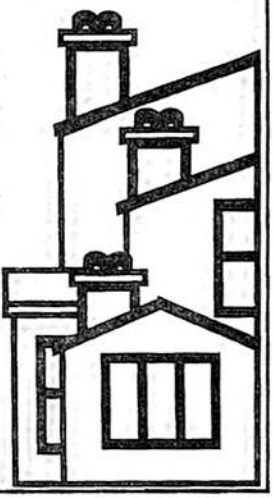

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Volunteers typically offer 1 to 2 hours a month helping to reduce the speed of vehicles driving through their neighbourhood. There is no expected time commitment, volunteers attend sessions when they like, and it's a great opportunity to meet new people, and enjoy the activity whilst benefiting your community.

Volunteers are fully trained and insured by the Constabulary. Training sessions will be held on Saturdays 12th May, 9th June and 14th July starting at 10.00am in Cambourne Police Station. If you would like to attend please book a space via e-mail.

If you would like more information please contact speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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As in previous years the productions will be staged in the wonderful 'Theatre in a Barn', Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge CB25 0NW; dates as follows:

- Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm–£8
- Thursday 14th June 2018 at 7.30pm–£9
- Friday 15th June 2018 at 7.30pm–£10
- Saturday 16th June 2018 at 2.30pm–£7 and 7.30pm–£10.

Tickets are available via our website, www.sbsummertheatre.com or by e-mailing sbst.tickets@gmail.com or telephoning 07541 554845. For further information about the show please contact Ruth Dennis on 01638 730639.

Gilbert and Sullivan's 'H.M.S. Pinafore' will be set in 1918, to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War. Sailors and Wrens keep H.M.S. Pinafore ship-shape while their Captain seeks to marry his daughter Josephine to the ruler of the King's Navy. She would rather marry the common sailor of her dreams. In true G&S fashion no one is quite who they seem but in the end all are happy with their lot.

'Cox and Box' is pure Victorian farce/melodrama, telling the tale of two gentlemen who both rent what turns out to be the same room from Mr. Bouncer, an ex-military man. One sleeps during the day, the other at night, but they occasionally meet on the stairs. All goes wrong when one of them is forced to take a holiday! This delightful short piece ends with the discovery that Cox and Box are long-lost brothers.

## — HEIDI ALLEN MP —

Apparently Spring is here, so I hope you have been able to enjoy the few days of sunny weather that made an appearance in between the showers!

Last month saw the consultation on the proposed closure of Cambridge Magistrates' Court come to an end. The proposal would see non-custodial work transferred to Cambridge County Court and custodial work transferred to either Huntingdon, Peterborough or, in some cases, Cambridge Crown Court.

I have been concerned about the lack of clear information surrounding the number of cases which would remain in Cambridge, how it would be decided which cases would be transferred out of Cambridge, the cost and appropriateness of using Cambridge County Court for Magistrates' Court work, and importantly, how the needs of the most vulnerable court users would be met.

The Ministry of Justice's plans lacked information about exactly what the closure of Cambridge Magistrates' Court might mean for my constituents so I wrote to the Ministry of Justice to seek more detailed information. Sadly, the information received has not diminished my concerns and I feel the consultation has been a missed opportunity to explain the plans with clarity.

These concerns were echoed at a meeting I had last month with our Police Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite so I hope the Ministry will rethink their plans.

If you would like to read my submission to the Ministry of Justice, a copy is on my website – https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/update-proposed-closure-cambridge-magistrates-court

The Government has also launched a call for evidence as part of its Cycle and Walking Investment Strategy safety review. The review will look at how road safety can be improved for all road users as well as looking at ways to boost walking and cycling.

Here is South Cambridgeshire, we know the benefits of walking and cycling so this consultation really is welcome. Please do contribute and give the Government the benefit of our local experience! https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy-cwis-safety-review

On 18th May between 3pm and 5pm, I will be holding a "by appointment" surgery at my Sawston constituency office. If you would like an appointment, please give my office a call on 01223 830087.

Details of all upcoming surgeries can be found on my website – www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk.

To contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk. You can also phone my Westminster office on 020-7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830037 for local concerns.

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The extended outdoor learning environment provides opportunities from growing fruit and vegetables for our snack bar to exploring the mud kitchen, large sand pit and our sensory garden.

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## — 8 O'CLOCK CLUB —

We are a women's group that meets on the first Thursday of the month in the lounge at the school at 8pm. The cost is £10 for the year plus 50p each month to cover the raffle and coffee.

We have a variety of speakers as well as an annual garden party, birthday party and Christmas meal. Our meetings for early 2018 are as follows:–

3 May – Orchid hunting in the wilds of Ecuador;
7 June – Growing up in the 50/60's;
2 August – School closed – no meeting.

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## — COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT —

Domestic abuse is often hidden behind closed doors but it can be devastating to those suffering its effects. The County Council works with Peterborough City Council in the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership and commissions specialist services to support victims. It has recently released two short films in five languages as well as British Sign Language to help people who are experiencing domestic abuse. These films can be viewed on the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership's YouTube channel. The Council is working hard to help anyone experiencing abuse to know that help is available if they are fearful of a partner, find themselves 'walking on eggshells' worried about what will happen when a partner returns home or have to cope with having money restricted by their partner. The films provide useful information too for anyone who is worried that a colleague, neighbour, friend or relative may be a victim. There is also information on support for survivors and the friends or family of victims on the partnership's website, www.cambsdasv.org.uk. Cambridge Women's Aid provides outreach support for Cambridge City and South Cambs and can be contacted on 01223 361214.

The County Council has now appointed a new Service Director for Education. Jonathan Lewis will have a shared role for both Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council and his appointment follows the retirement of Keith Grimwade in December. He says he wants to bring schools together and help deliver a clear vision for how standards can be improved. Locally I am sorry to have said farewell to Al Mistrano the Headteacher at Bar Hill Primary School. He has worked tirelessly to overcome funding challenges and provide excellent educational opportunities for local children. I offer my very best wishes and support to Jeanette Quinn who with the Board of Governors will take the school forward as it moves to academy status.

As we come to the end of the municipal year we will have another election! This year it is the turn of South Cambridgeshire District Council's electors to select their representatives for the next four years, both for the District and Parish Councils. My thanks for their hard work go to Councillors of both tiers with whom I have enjoyed working for the past four years. My very best wishes to all those standing. I look forward to supporting those who are successful to provide the very best outcomes possible for our villages in the coming year.

Please do contact me about concerns or questions about any local or strategic issue. If you would like to receive a copy of the full report that I write for the division's parish councils each month, please email me and I will add you to its circulation.

*Lynda*

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## — STORYTIME AT BAR HILL LIBRARY —

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**Protection advice:**

- ◊ Always use a trusted online payment method, such as Paypal.
- ◊ Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for payment by bank transfer.
- ◊ Don't assume an email or phone call is authentic – almost anything can be faked.
- ◊ Always verify you have received payment before completing a sale.
- ◊ Don't be rushed or pressured. Criminals will try and make unusual behaviour, such as overpaying, seem like a genuine mistake.

**For more advice about protecting yourself online:**

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If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, don't be embarrassed – it can happen to anyone. Report it to Action Fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 123 2040.

## — CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018 —

From 13 to 19 May volunteers will be delivering **Christian Aid Week** envelopes throughout the village. Unlike some charity collectors, they gain no benefit from calling on you. Last May about £2,940 was raised here, a total that compares well with street collections in Cambridge. Please help us to reach an even better total in 2018.

Some people mistakenly think that this collection is for Christians. Instead it is carried out by Christians. It was set up over 60 years ago to support work with European refugees following the Second World War. Nowadays its work extends to disadvantaged people in all continents, funding things we take for granted – such as water supplies and sanitation, education and roads that open up opportunity. It supports people of all religions and none, and it continues to focus on refugees.

To join in the collection, put your contribution in your envelope ready for collection. If you are a tax payer, fill in the Gift Aid declaration to make what you give worth 25% more. Do please greet your collector politely; they will be there to represent those in need and officially recognised as charity collectors.

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## — NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH —

**My very productive day – at your expense!**

**Car No.1** – a mobile phone left on the seat. Smash and grab. That was easy! And right outside their house, too.

**Car No.2** – jacket on back seat, could be interesting. Smash. Bingo! A wallet in the pocket. Gosh, a tablet underneath as well. Hotel car parks usually produce something.

**Car No.3** – that dog walker has left her car empty handed. I wonder... (smash!)... yes, as I thought, handbag under the seat. Hard luck lady!

**Car No.4** – people get very lax at beauty spots – an unlocked car! A quick rummage and what do I find? Sat nav and loose change in the glove compartment, golf clubs in the boot. A nice little haul for no effort.

**Car No.5** – well, I guess they tried – they put their laptop in the boot before going into the cinema. But I was watching, and they'll be gone a couple of hours. So I'll just wait till there's no-one else around and then... Thanks. Hope you are enjoying the film because you're in for a nasty shock later.

**White vans** – after such a productive day I think I'll relax and watch TV tonight. No need to target vans for works tools. I'll save that little gold mine for another occasion.

**Warning!** Thefts from cars continue to occur across the area and it's avoidable. Why tempt the opportunist and virtually give away your valuables? Don't leave anything on display, covered or tucked away. Lock it in the boot (when no-one is looking) or best of all, take it with you.

*Pam Vendy*, Village Co-ordinator

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## BAR HILL U14S

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Lastly can I say thanks to my team Chris Ben & Kev and also thanks to our sponsors Katana haircutters for men of Milton, New Marque Cars of Longstanton & Grt connect of Waterbeach.

*Lee Rogers* U14s

## — FRIENDS OF THE ROSIE —

The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are raising money to help make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. In 2017 we spent £10,783.75 on cool bags for the district midwives. Reclining chairs for tired Dads. A sophisticated teaching mannequin. Money for re-equipping the delivery rooms. Dolls of every ethnicity for the midwives to use for breastfeeding training plus knitted breasts from Rosie in Stitches. These dolls and breasts will be crucial for The Rosie's application for "UNICEF level 3".

The St Ivo Young Entrepreneurs chose The Rosie Hospital as their charity to support. They came third in a school competition and donated £386.16. The Tea Bar raised £2,500 and Rosie in Stitches raised £2,000.

Ann Laskey appealed for more regular volunteers to help in the Tea Bar.

**Upcoming Stall dates this spring**

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Thank you for your continued support.

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## — RSPB FEN DRAYTON LAKES —

**Spring Events 2018**

**Spring Willow Weaving Workshop** Sunday 13 May 10am-4pm. Make a garden obelisk about six feet high to grow climbing plants such as runner beans/sweet peas. Booking is essential. Non-member £25, RSPB member £20.

**Wild Challenge** Sun 6 May, Mon 28 May 10am-4pm. Go lake dipping and bug hunting to discover the magnificent minibeasts that call our reserve home. Non-member £2, RSPB member £1.50.

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## — MAY BULLETIN —

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

## SAFE AND WELL VISITS – HELPING YOU TO STAY INDEPENDENT IN YOUR OWN HOME

**Come and play! Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service launches new interactive resource for young people.**

CFRS has launched a new interactive online learning site to promote fire and road safety to young people across the county. Developed by Matmi, Sparkton is an online town that children can explore, play games and learn safety tips. From quizzes to spot the hazards, to testing road safety knowledge, there's lots to see and do.

The new initiative has been developed through a collaboration with a number of other fire services in England and Wales, including Cheshire, Leicestershire and Nottingham, where it has already proved popular.

The educational game is targeted at children aged 7–11 in Key Stage Two and can be accessed from home or at school, across all different devices and platforms. It has been designed to help the next generation learn about fire and road safety in safe environment.

Head of Communication for CFRS, Hayley Douglas said: "Keeping people safe from fire and other emergencies is fundamental to everything that we do, and engaging young people is a big part of that. We already work with young people in schools and through our Firebreak courses, so this new online resource is a great addition for us.

"Sparkton is a fun resource that will educate young people on the importance of fire and road safety and how to keep themselves safe now and in the future. It's also a great way for them to learn more about the fire service, and what we do in the community.

"By working with Matmi and in collaboration with a number of other fire services, Sparkton provided excellent value for money and has the potential to develop and make new content."

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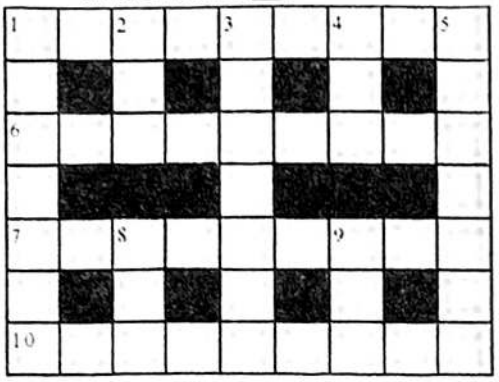
## — MAY CROSSWORD —

Across: 1. town in Spain. 6. cannot be washed out. 7. air ____ (to improve odour). 10. comforted.

Down: 1. less flexible. 2. young man. 3. natural soil dressings. 4. priest's robe. 5. stated to be true. 8. period of time. 9. neither ___.



### April's Solution

Across: 1. recherche. 6. undamaged. 7. andantino. 10. Bury Saint.

Down: 1. rhubarb. 2. cod. 3. Edmunds. 4. cog. 5. endmost. 8. der. 9. ice.

## — BIN COLLECTION —

| | |
|---|---|
| 26th April | green and blue |
| 3rd May | black |
| **Fri. 11th May** | green and blue |
| 17th May | black |
| 24th May | green and blue |
| **Fri. 1st June** | black |
| 7th June | green and blue |
| 14th June | black |
| 21st June | green and black |

## — THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY —

Anyone interested in renting space to grow their own produce can be put on our waiting list for membership. Please contact Rob Lawrence, plot allocator, on 07788 590348.

All other allotment matters should be addressed to: barhillallotment@gmail.com.

## — USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Out of Hours Medical Emergencies | | 111 |
| Police Non-Emergency | | 101 |
| Allotment Society | *Rob Lawrence* | 07788 590348 |
| Bar Hill Church | *Minister: Charles Mather* | 01954 277119 |
| | *Church office* | 01954 206120 |
| Bar Hill School | | 01954 273305 |
| Bar Hill Community Car Scheme | | 07496 465330 |
| Bar Hill Cricket Club | *Paul Stimpson* | 01954 201212 |
| Bar Hill Sports & Social Club | | 01954 781881 |
| Cambridge Fire & Rescue Service Helpline | | 0800 917 9994 |
| Coffee Stop, Knit & Natter, Holiday@Home | *Sue Kenchington* | 01954 780260 |
| Community Market | *Karen Austen* | 01954 781085 |
| Conservative Party | *Iris Lay* | 01954 205265 |
| County Councillor | *Lynda Harford* | 01954 251775 |
| | | 07889 131022 |
| Councillor, Parish Council, Residents' Association, Bar Hill News Advertising | *Bunty Waters* | 01954 201421<br>07734 690580 |
| Councillor, Parish Council, Residents' Association | *Roger Hall* | 01954 780304 |
| Happy Hours | *Anne Plumb* | 01954 780364 |
| Health Walks | *Josephine Powell* | 07901 558108 |
| | *Patricia Daniels* | 07917 874402 |
| Heidi Allen MP | *Office* | 01223 830037 |
| | *Office address:* 82A High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ | |
| Liberal Democrat Party | *Andy Pellew* | 07814 871752 |
| Library – renewals & enquiries | | 0345 0455225 |
| GP Surgeries | *Maple* | 01954 780442 |
| | *Over* | 01954 231550 |
| | *Over Pharmacy* | 01954 233457 |
| | *Swavesey* | 01954 230202 |
| | *Longstanton* | 01954 207600 |
| | *Willingham* | 01954 260230 |
| | *Willingham & Longstanton Dispensary* | 01954 207600 |
| Neighbourhood Watch | *Pam Vendy* | 01954 201001 |
| Over Day Centre | *Hayley Smith, Manager* | 01954 231807 |
| Parish Council Office | *Sue Bell, Parish Clerk* | 01954 780456 |
| Post Office | | 01954 789285 |
| Pre-School | | 01954 782892 |
| Royal British Legion, Health & Wellbeing at Tesco | *Wendy Arrowsmith* | 01954 781381 |
| Samaritans | | 01223 364455 |
| Swavesey Village College | | 01954 230366 |

## — MAY PUZZLE —

Form nine, nine letter FAMOUS FILM STARS, in groups of three letters. In alphabetical order.

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| C | R | U | J | O | N | T | O | M |
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Solution for April: Bloodwort, Carnation, Dandelion, Groundsel, Hydrangea, Mayflower, Pimpernel, Sunflower, Verbascum.

## SEWING SERVICE

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## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested persons are always welcome at Residents' Association meetings.

They are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Council office.

**Next meeting: AGM: 15th May.**

# — EVENTS CALENDAR —

| *date* | *event* | *where* | *time* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 April | Wildlife Trust – Brampton Wood *(page 16)* | | 10.30am |
| 30 April | Happy Hours – Play your cards right *(page 3)* | Octagon | 11am–3pm |
| 3 May | 8 O'clock Club – orchid hunting in Ecuador *(page 22)* | School | 8pm |
| 5 May | Community Market *(page 3)* | Octagon | 10.30am–2pm |
| 5 May | Cricket match on the Green *(page 8)* | | |
| 6 May | Wildlife Trust – Brampton Wood *(page 16)* | | 2.30pm |
| 6 May | Wild Challenge *(page 26)* | | 10am–4pm |
| 7 May | NO HAPPY HOURS | | |
| 8 May | Health and Wellbeing Club *(page 3)* | Tesco | 2–4pm |
| 8 May | Dray Drayton W. I. – history of salt *(page 25)* | Village Hall, D.D. | 2.30pm |
| 10 May | NWR – Romania *(page 3)* | | 8pm |
| 12 May | Storytime *(page 22)* | Library | 10.30am |
| 13 May | Willow weaving workshop *(page 26)* | | 10am–4pm |
| 14 May | Happy Hours – Supermarket Wars *(page 3)* | Octagon | 11am–3pm |
| 17 May | Cricket match on the Green *(page 8)* | | 6pm |
| 19 May | Jumble Sale *(page 5)* | Octagon | 2–4pm |
| 20 May | Birds for beginners *(page 26)* | | 10am–2pm |
| 20 May | Ouse Fen behind the scenes tour *(page 26)* | | 7.30–9.30am |
| 21 May | Happy Hours – celebrating the Royal Wedding *(page 3)* | Octagon | 11am–3pm |
| 22 May | Cricket match on the Green *(page 8)* | | 6pm |
| 24 May | NWR – hats and scarves *(page 3)* | | 8pm |
| 25 May | PTA cake stall after school *(page 16)* | School playground | |
| 26 May | Storeytime *(page 22)* | Library | 10.30am |
| 26 May | Cricket match on the Green *(page 8)* | | |
| 28 May | Wild Challenge *(page 26)* | | 10am–4pm |
| 28 May | NO HAPPY HOURS | | |
| 29 May | Cricket match on the Green *(page 8)* | | 6pm |
| 29 May | Bar Hill Book Club *(page 3)* | Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 2 June | Community Market *(page 3)* | Octagon | 10.30am–2pm |
| 7 June | NWR – famous/infamous mistresses *(page 3)* | | 8pm |
| 7 June | 8 O'clock Club – growing up in the 50/60s *(page 22)* | School | 8pm |
| 8 June | Bar Hill School PTA Fun Day *(page 16)* | School green | 3pm |

## BAR HILL TENNIS CLUB – NEW SEASON!

We welcome new members so please come and join us at our Adult Club nights! The new season has started and we look forward to seeing both old and new friends.

We invite all current, lapsed and new members to come along and play on the courts. Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to come down to our club social nights to play some tennis. We welcome players of all abilities. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays & Thursdays 7–9pm. We look forward to seeing you! Some of our members are also trialling Sunday afternoon tennis at 2pm. Why not wander down to the courts and enjoy a game – players of all abilities welcome.

Our membership rates are unaltered again this year and very competitive at: Adults £40, Family £80 & Juniors £15 – for full details pop down to see us Tuesday or Thursday evenings at the Courts, call us or visit our website—www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk.

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